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Invention: WATER SOFTENING DEVICE (JPA 2000-220874, FILED 7/21/00)

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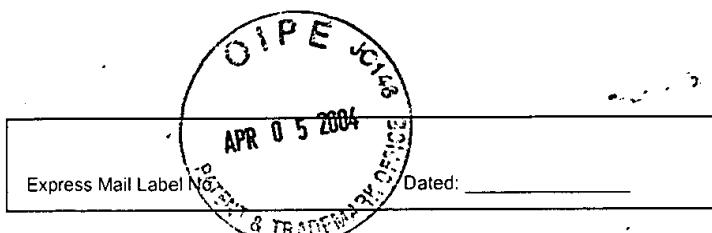
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 17), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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